

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Restriction

Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 22-36 and 83) drawn to methods for determining a decreased risk for type 1 diabetes involving HLA-A alleles.

II. Species Election

Applicants elect the species Seq ID No. 24 from Table 9. All of the elected claims 22-36 and 83 read on the elected species.

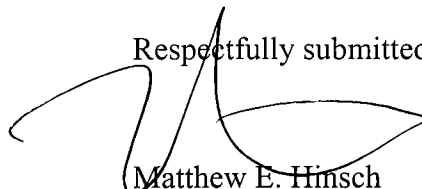
Applicants request that upon allowance of the claims, the Examiner consider rejoinder of withdrawn species if they are embraced by the allowed generic claims pursuant to MPEP § 809.03(c)(B).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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